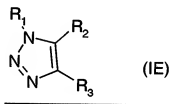
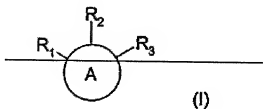


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

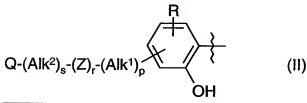
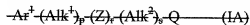
1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (IE) or a salt, N-oxide, hydrate or solvate thereof, for use in human or veterinary medicine:



wherein

~~ring A is an aromatic or non-aromatic carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring having 5 ring atoms;~~

R₁ is attached to a first ring atom of ring A and is a group of formula (IA):



wherein in any compatible combination

~~Ar[†] is an optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl radical;~~

Alk¹ and Alk² are optionally substituted divalent C₁-C₆ alkylene or C₂-C₆ alkenylene radicals,

p, r and s are independently 0 or 1,

Z is -O-, -S-, -(C=O)-, -(C=S)-, -SO₂-, -C(=O)O-, -C(=O)NR^A-, -C(=S)NR^A-, -SO₂NR^A-, -NR^AC(=O)-, -NR^ASO₂- or -NR^A- wherein R^A is hydrogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl, and

Q is hydrogen or an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic radical, and R represents hydrogen or one or more substituents selected from (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, hydroxy, hydroxy(C₁-C₆)alkyl, mercapto, mercapto(C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkylthio, halo (including fluoro and chloro), trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, nitro, nitrile (-CN), oxo, phenyl, -COOH, -COOR^A, -COR^A, -SO₂R^A, -CONH₂-, -SO₂NH₂-, -CONHR^A-, -SO₂NHR^A-, -CONR^AR^B-, -SO₂NR^AR^B-, -NH₂-, -NHR^A-, -NR^AR^B-, -OCONH₂-, -OCONHR^A-, -OCONR^AR^B-, -NHCOR^A-, -NHCOOR^A-, -NR^BCOOR^A-, -NH₂SO₂OR^A-, -NR^BSO₂OR^A-, -NHCONH₂-, -NR^ACONH₂-, -NHCONHR^B-, -NR^ACONHR^B-, -NHCONR^AR^B- or -NR^ACONR^AR^B wherein R^A and R^B are independently a (C₁-C₆)alkyl group.±

R₂ is attached to a second ring atom of ring A, which is adjacent the first ring atom to which R₁ is attached, or is absent if that ring atom is a nitrogen atom which is double bonded to a neighboring ring atom, and if not absent R₁ is hydrogen or

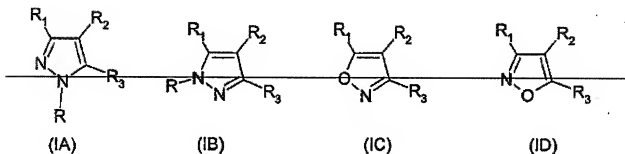
(i) a group of formula (IA) as defined in relation to R₁; .

(ii) a carboxamide radical; or

(iii) a non aromatic carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring wherein a ring carbon is optionally substituted, and/or a ring nitrogen is optionally substituted by a group of formula -(Alk¹)_p-(Z)_r(Alk²)_s-Q wherein Q, Alk¹, Alk², Z, p, r and s are as defined above in relation to group (IA); and

R₃ is attached to a third ring atom of ring A, which is adjacent the second ring atom to which R₂ is attached, or is absent if that ring atom is a nitrogen atom which is double bonded to a neighboring ring atom, and if not absent R₂ is hydrogen, optionally substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, or C₂-C₆alkynyl; or a carboxyl, carboxamide or carboxyl ester group,

PROVIDED THAT (a) at least one of R₂ and R₃ is present and is other than hydrogen and (b) the compound of formula (I) is not one of formula (IA), (IB), (IC) or (ID)



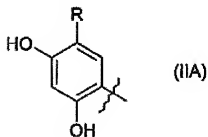
wherein R₁, R₂ and R₃ are as defined above, and R is hydrogen or optionally substituted C₁-C₆ alkyl.

2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
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5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) The compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein in the group R₁ of the compound of formula (IE) each of p, r and s is 0, and Q is hydrogen.

9. (Previously Presented) The compound as claimed in claim 8 wherein R_1 is 2-hydroxyphenyl optionally further substituted by one or more of hydroxy, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, chloro, or bromo.

10. (Currently Amended) The compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein ~~in the compound of formula (I)~~ R_1 has formula (IIA):



wherein R represents bromo, chloro, phenyl, C_1 - C_6 alkyl or phenyl(C_1 - C_6 alkyl)-.

11. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein in the group R_1 of the compound of formula (IE) one or more of p, r and s is 1.

12. (Withdrawn) The compound as claimed in claim 11 wherein p and/or s is/are 1 and r is 0.

13. (Withdrawn) The compound as claimed in claim 11 wherein each of p, r, and s is 1.

14. (Withdrawn) The compound as claimed in claim 11 wherein p and s are 0 and r is 1.

15. (Previously Presented) The compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R_2 is phenyl, 2-, 3-, or 4-pyridyl, 2- or 3-furanyl, 2- or 3-thienyl, or thiazolyl, optionally substituted by one or more of methoxy, ethoxy, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, fluoro, chloro, bromo, or trifluoromethyl.

16. (Previously Presented) The compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R_2 is optionally substituted phenyl.

17. (Withdrawn) The compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R_2 is a carboxamide radical of formula $-\text{CONR}^B(\text{Alk})_n\text{R}^A$ wherein

Alk is an optionally substituted divalent alkylene, alkenylene or alkynylene radical,

n is 0 or 1,

R^B is hydrogen or a $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl or $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6$ alkenyl group,

R^A is hydroxy or an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring,

or R^A and R^B taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form an N-heterocyclic ring which may optionally contain one or more additional hetero atoms selected from O, S and N, and which may optionally be substituted on one or more ring C or N atoms.

18. (Withdrawn) The compound as claimed claim 17 wherein

Alk is an optionally substituted $-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, or $-\text{CH}_2\text{CCCH}_2-$ radical.

n is 0 or 1,

R^B is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or iso-propyl, or allyl,

R^A is hydroxy, hydroxy and/or chloro-substituted phenyl, 3,4-methylenedioxyphephenyl, pyridyl, furyl, thienyl, N-piperazinyl, or N-morpholinyl,

or R^A and R^B taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a morpholino, piperidinyl, piperazinyl or N-phenylpiperazinyl ring.

19. (Withdrawn) The compound as claimed in claim 17 wherein n is 0, R^B is hydrogen and R^A is hydroxy or an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring.

20. (Withdrawn) The compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R_3 is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, *n*- or iso-propyl, trifluoromethyl, or hydroxyethyl.

21. (Withdrawn) The compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R_3 is a carboxamide group $-\text{CONR}^B(\text{Alk})_n\text{R}^A$ wherein

Alk is an optionally substituted divalent alkylene, alkenylene or alkynylene radical,

n is 0 or 1,

R^B is hydrogen or a C_1 - C_6 alkyl or C_2 - C_6 alkenyl group,

R^A is hydroxy or an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring,

or R^A and R^B taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form an N-heterocyclic ring which may optionally contain one or more additional hetero atoms selected from O, S and N, and which may optionally be substituted on one or more ring C or N atoms.

22. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A method of treatment of diseases or conditions mediated by excessive or inappropriate HSP90 activity in mammals which method comprises administering to the mammal an amount of a compound of formula (IE) as defined in claim 1, or a salt, hydrate or solvate thereof, effective to inhibit said HSP90 activity.

23. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The method as claimed claim ~~2224~~ for immunosuppression or the treatment of cancer; viral disease, inflammatory diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, asthma, multiple sclerosis, Type I diabetes, lupus, psoriasis and inflammatory bowel disease; cystic fibrosis angiogenesis-related disease such as diabetic retinopathy, haemangiomas, and endometriosis; or for protection of normal cells against chemotherapy-induced toxicity; or diseases where failure to undergo apoptosis is an underlying factor; or protection from hypoxia-ischemic injury due to elevation of Hsp70 in the heart and brain; scrapie/CJD, Huntingdon's and Alzheimer's disease.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical or veterinary composition comprising a compound as defined in claim 1, or a salt hydrate or solvate thereof, together with a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable carrier.